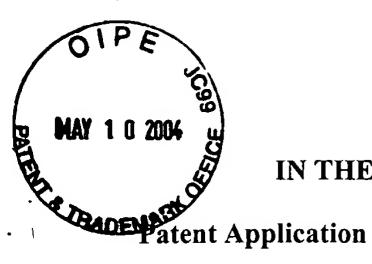
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action, dated January 13, 2004, hereby extending the period for response for the Office Action from April 13, 2004 to May 13, 2004.

Please charge **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** the amount of \$110.00, to cover the extension fee. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is authorized to charge or to credit **Deposit Account No. 50-0762** as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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